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SUBJECT: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) RESOLUTION

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. WDC RESOLUTION, SPONSORED BY MEXICO, ALGERIA, ARGENTIAN, INDIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA, WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION IN FIRST COMITE DEC 13. RES CREATES AD HOC COMITE OF 40 NON-NUCLEAR STATES TO EXAMINE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT ON WDC. MEMBERSHIP IS SAME AS LAST YEAR'S SPECIAL COMITE, PLUS ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, BURUNDI, LEBANON, PERU, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, TURKEY, VENEZUELA, ZAIRE. FIVE NUCLEAR STATES ARE NOT INCLUDED THIS YEAR, HOWEVER. INSTEAD THEY ARE INVITED TO COOPERATE OR MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH COMITE WITH SAME RIGHTS AS DESIGNATED MEMBERS.

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2. AMB GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) INTRODUCING RES EXPLANINED

AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT "FOR THE CONSENSUS WHICH IS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 1 RESPECTING THE REPORT WHICH THE COMMITTEE MUST PRESENT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT PERIOD OF SESSIONS, THE OPINION OF THE NUCLEAR POWERS WILL HAVE THE SAME VALUE AS THAT OF THE DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE." INDIA THEN EXPRESSED ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT CONSENSUS REQUIRED APPLIED GENERALLY TO DECISIONS OF COMMITTEE REGARDING A WDC.

3. CANADA, CHINA, US, FRANCE AND IRAN SPOKE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE VOTE. CANADA EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PREAMBULAR PARA6, ASSERTING THAT IT GREATLY UNDERSTATES IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR POWER COOPERATION IN ORDER FOR COMITE TO SUCCEED. IT ALSO STRESSED VIEW THAT NEW COMITE IS NOT A PREPARATORY COMITE. CHINA RECITED ITS WELL-KNOWN CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING A WDC, AND IN SO DOING TOOK A FEW SWIPES AT SOVS PARTICULARLY FOR WAY THEY MANIPULATED FORMATION OF LAST YEAR'S COMITE. CHINA AGREED, HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH NEW COMITE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH IT. US SAID WE SUBSCRIBED TO VIEW EXPRESSED BY GARCIA ROBLES REGARDING CONSENSUS AND ADDED THAT US VOTE FOR RES DDID NOT IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN US VIEWS REGARDING A WDC. LAST PREAMBULAR PARA MAKES IT CLEAR THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION TO CONVENE OR PREPARE FOR A WDC. FRANCE SPOKE ELOQUENTLY ABOUT MANKIND LIVING AT FOOD OT A NUCLAR VOLCANO AND ATTACKED CCD AS A STERILE AND UNPRODUCTIVE BODY. IT SAID A NEW EFFORT IN ANOTHER DIRECTION WAS NEEDED. FRANCE IS READY TO COOPERATE WITH NEW COMITE AND COUNTS ON OTHER FOUR NUCLEARS TO COOPERATE SERIOUSL AS WELL. AMB HOVEYDA OF IRAN TOOK A BACKWARD GLANCE AT HIS CONSULTATIVE EFFORTS OVER PAST YEAR ON WDC MATTERS.

4. SPEAKING IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER VOTE, AMB MALIK OF USSR DELIVERED AN UNEXPECTEDLY LONG AND MOSTLY EXTEMPORANEOUS TIRADE IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED FRENCH STERNLY AND CHINESE SAVAGELY, WITHOUT NAMING EITHER, FOR THEIR PAST RECORD OF POOR COOPERATION IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS. HE SAID MODESTLY THAT USSR HAD MERELY ECHOED UNIVERSAL AND PARTICULARLY THIRD WORLD SENTIMENTS IN CHAMPIONING WDC IDEA. HE SAID NEW RES IS NOT PERFECT BUT IS ACCEPTABLE, THUS REVEALING SOV PIQUE AT NOT BEING A DESIGNATED MEMBER OF NEW AD HOC COMITE. IN CONCLUSION, MALIK SAID USSR WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN COMITE'S WORK. UK IN BRIEF EXPLANATION STRESSED ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT CONSENSUS RULE WOULD INCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL

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FIVE NUCLEARS. BRAZIL AND ITALY ALSO SPOKE.

5. MOST SPEAKERS PAID TRIBUTE BOTH TO HOVEYDA FOR HIS UNREMITTING TOIL LAST YEAR ON WDC AND TO GARCIA ROBLES AND HIS COLLEAGUES FOR AOBTAINING THIS YEAR'S UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

6. SYG IS PROPOSING THREE MEETING OF AD HOC COMITE IN 1974: 29 APRIL, 10 MAY, 24-28 JUNE, AND 9-13 SEPTEMBER. IT IS CLEAR THAT SOVS EXPECT TO BE FULL PARTICIPANTS AT ALL MEETINGS SINCE RES PERMITS THIS. FRENCH HERE HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL

PROBABLY ATTEND FIRST MEETING OR TWO BUT FURTHER ACTIVITY  
WILL DEPEND ON HOW MUCH COOPERATION OTHER NUCLEARS GIVE.  
UK'S PLANS UNKNOWN. DOUBTFUL THAT CHINA WILL ATTEND MEETINGS.  
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